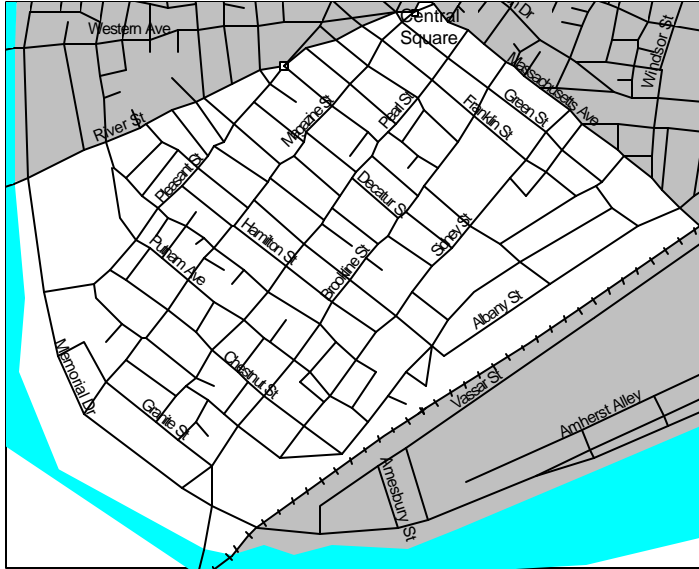
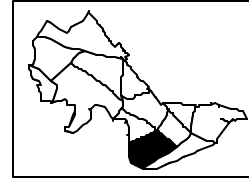


# NEIGHBORHOOD 5 CAMBRIDGEPORT



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

**POPULATION:** 9,100 residents  
4,203 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 4R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A and 5B, as well as parts of walking route 12X (Central Square).

## 2002 SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

**Housebreaks** continue to plague Cambridgeport in the second three months of the year, continuing a trend from the first quarter. Apartment buildings were targeted on Brookline, Pearl, and Magazine Streets during the late afternoon hours on the weekdays, comparable to the first three months. Most likely occurring on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the suspects broke in by forcing open windows or the front doors and leaving with electronics and jewelry. • **Street Robberies** are still in a decline from last year by 36% as compared to the first half of 2001. All but one of the robberies occurred on Massachusetts Avenue. In one incident the suspect wielded a handgun to perpetrate the crime. There was one arrest of a Quincy man when the victim had seen the suspect later in the evening, told the police and subsequently arrested. • All the **drug arrests** were incident to other crimes, such as a motor vehicle stops or leaving a restaurant without paying the bill. • **Malicious destruction**, a serious problem in Cambridgeport, has not increased dramatically from last year's total. Long standing trends include: scratching of vehicles on Kelly and Chalk, and the smashing of car windows on upper Magazine and Brookline Streets.

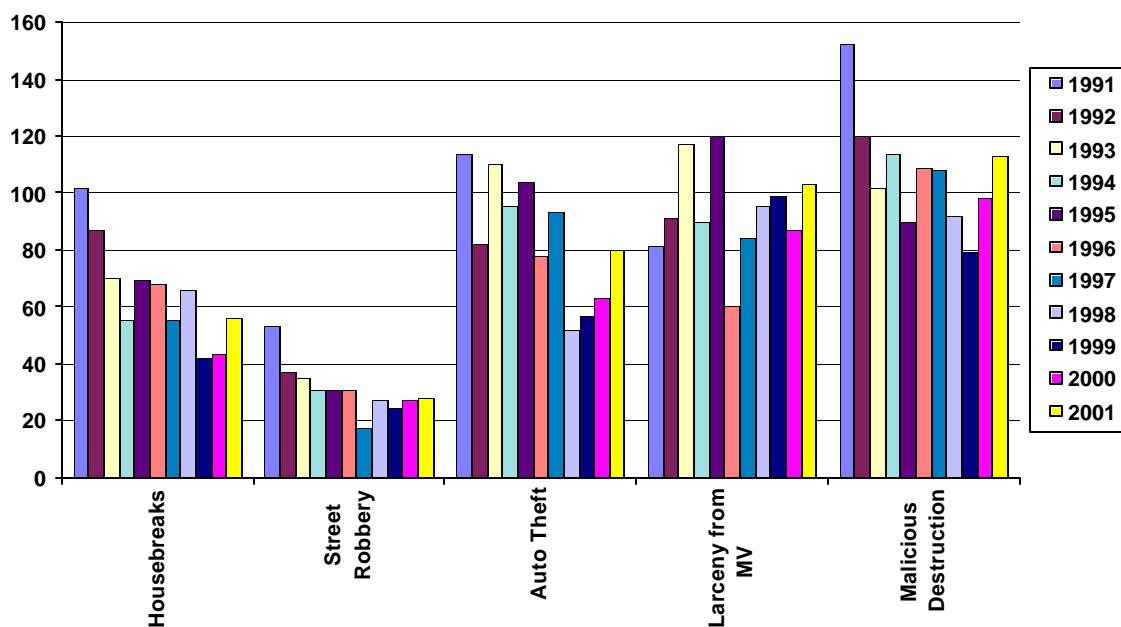
## COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS SECOND QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	2nd Q 2001	2nd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	20	38	90%
Street Robbery	11	7	-36%
Auto Theft	35	34	-3%
Larceny from MVs	48	29	-40%
Malicious Destruction	58	59	2%
Drug Arrests	5	8	53%

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	156	2	67	2	5
Street Robbery	57	2	33	2	1
Auto Theft	165	1	85	1	1
Larceny from MVs	126	4	94	3	2
Malicious Destruction	106	6	110	3	2

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest